

I CLAIM:

1. A folding knife comprising:  
a blade including a distal end and a tang;  
a handle configured to include a hollow region for receiving the blade, said blade being pivotally coupled to the handle via a pin to position the knife between an open position and a closed position; and  
a lock mounted to the handle, said lock configured to obstruct a path of the distal end of the blade to prevent the knife from being moved from the closed position to the open position.

2. The knife of claim 1, wherein said lock is configured to slide in a channel in the handle to transition between an operable position and an inoperable position.

*Sub a* 3. The knife of claim 2, wherein said channel is a slotted hole.

4. The knife of claim 2, wherein said lock is configured to use friction to maintain a position in the channel.

*3* 5. The knife of claim *2* 4, wherein the friction on the lock is adjustable.

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The knife of claim 1, the knife further comprising a bias element configured to assist a user in opening the knife.

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The knife of claim 6, wherein the bias element is configured to exert a force in opening the knife.

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The knife of claim 1, wherein the tang is configured to protrude from the handle when the knife is in the closed position.

9. A folding knife comprising:  
a blade including a distal end and a tang;  
a handle including a hollow region configured to receive the blade, said blade being pivotally coupled to the handle via a pin;  
a bias element housed in the handle and configured to assist the blade in extending from the hollow region of the handle; and  
a safety lock configured to prevent the blade from moving out of the hollow region of the handle.

10. The knife of claim 9, wherein the safety lock includes a block that limits the movement of the distal end of the blade.

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11. The knife of claim 9, wherein the safety lock is configured to slide in a channel in the handle.

12. The knife of claim 9, wherein the safety lock is configured to slide to a position that allows the blade to move out of the hollow region of the handle.

13. A pocket tool apparatus comprising:  
a tool pivotable between an open position and a closed position about a pivot pin;  
a handle connected to the tool via the pivot pin and configured to receive the tool;  
and  
a lock that is moveably mounted to the handle at a substantial distance away from the pivot pin, said lock configured to hold the tool in the closed position.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the tool includes a blade.

15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the lock may be moved to a position that allows the tool to move out of the closed position.

16. A safety lock for locking a blade of a folding knife in a folded position, comprising a block configured to contact the distal end of the blade to prevent the blade from moving out of the folded position.

17. The safety lock of claim 16, wherein the block is moveably attached to the knife.

18. The safety lock of claim 16, wherein the block may be moved to an inoperable position to allow the blade to move out of the folded position.

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19. The safety lock of claim 16, wherein the block slides along a channel to move between an operable position and an inoperable position.

20. The safety lock of claim 19, wherein the block uses friction to maintain a position in the channel.

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